

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 20-27 are pending in the present application, with claims 20-25 withdrawn from consideration. Applicant's originally filed claims were the subject of a previous restriction.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Species I and II; Sub-Species A and B; Sub-Sub-Species 1, 2 and 3; and Sub-Sub-Sub-Species a and b.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects with traverse, Sub-Sub-Sub-Species a. Applicant submits that claims 1, 3-17, 26 and 27 read on the elected Sub-Sub-Sub-Species.

It is respectfully submitted that it should be no undue burden on the Examiner to consider all claims in the single application. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner persists in this requirement, Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional application at a later time, if so desired.

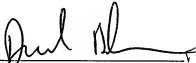
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Michael E. Monaco, Registration No 52,041 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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